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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 2,900 IN MARCH TO 399,100

Continued hiring in the Nonmanufacturing sector, combined with job gains in Durable Goods Manufacturing, increased overall Rhode Island employment by 2,900 in March, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 399,100 in March. This represents a gain of 2,900 over the February level of 396,200, and is 15,000 jobs more than the March 1983 total of 384,100.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island increased by 500 in March to 118,200. This figure was 5,900 jobs higher than the March 1983 level of 112,300. In the Durable Goods manufacturing sector, the March employment total of 80,300 was up 600 over the month and was 4,100 above the figure recorded one year ago. The Nondurable Goods employment level of 37,900 was 100 below February's total, but was up 1,800 over March 1983.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly gain was registered in Jewelry/Siverware (+300). Monthly increases of 100 each were reported in Fabricated Metals, Transportation Equipment and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their February employment levels. On an annual basis, the largest job increase was posted in Jewelry/Silverware (+1,800), followed by Transportation Equipment (+500), Fabricated Metals and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+400

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JOBS FOR RHODE ISLAND GRADUATES JOB OPTIONS FAIR – 1984

"Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates" is a comprehensive sixteen-week job-readiness program sponsored by the Rhode Island Job Service and the R.I. Department of Education conducted in local high schools throughout the State. The program aims to provide high school seniors with job search skills as they prepare to enter the labor market following graduation. It emphasizes Vocational Exploration, Employment Applications, the Interview process and Employer Expectations. Some 1,200 students are currently participating.

The program concludes with "Options '84", a series of Job Options Fairs scheduled at three locations next month – May 3 at Community College of R.I., Lincoln Campus, May 7 at Community College of R.I., Warwick Campus and May 9 at Barrington College. The Fairs give employers the opportunity to screen applicants and discuss potential job openings in their firms or organizations. With three locations, the prospective employer is able to choose the site nearest his or her location, thus allowing maximum exposure within the surrounding communities. The goal of this effort is to have as many employers as possible participate in "Options '84."

All employers interested in participating in these Job Options Fairs are invited to contact the nearest office of the Rhode Island Job Service or call Project STEADY at 277-6813 or 723-5911.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
Total Placements	1,389-P	1,163	1,530
New Applications	3,902-P	3,902	4,136
New Openings Rec'd.	2,455-P	1,958	2,304

P - Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	% Change Feb.1984
Initial Claims	7,697	10,721	- 28.2
No. of Payments	70,068	71,369	- 1.8
Amt. of Payments	$ 7,916,576	$ 8,020,739	- 1.3
Exhaustions	1,585	1,257	+ 26.1

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984
Initial Claims	1,621	1,185
No. of Payments	11,486	11,088
Amount of Payments	$ 1,205,098	$ 1,169,877

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force – Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	476.9	475.9	473.3
Unemployment	34.0	36.9	46.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.1	7.8	9.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	6.7	6.9	9.1

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	468.4	469.4	465.0
Unemployment	37.2	38.8	51.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.9	8.3	11.1

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	36,085	36,145	34,160
Unemployment	2,295	2,325	2,490
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	6.4	7.3

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1984	Feb. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	14,670	14,920	14,465
Unemployment	1,285	1,455	1,355
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.8	9.8	9.4

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through September 30, 1984. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
AL EMPLOYMENT*	399.1	396.2	384.1	+ 2,900	+ 15,000
UFACTURING	118.2	117.7	112.3	+ 500	+ 5,900
MANUFACTURING	280.9	278.5	271.8	+ 2,400	+ 9,100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.3	11.0	9.2	+ 300	+ 2,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.5	13.3	13.1	+ 200	+ 400
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	83.2	82.6	79.6	+ 600	+ 3,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.5	21.3	21.2	+ 200	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	93.9	93.0	91.1	+ 900	+ 2,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.5	57.3	57.6	+ 200	- 100

Figures REVISED. 1984 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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armers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
USTRY GROUP	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1983
MANUFACTURING	118.2	117.7	112.3	+500	+5900	$282.58	$270.09	39.8	39.2	$7.10	$6.89
ABLE GOODS	80.3	79.7	76.2	+600	+4100	284.97	273.78	39.8	39.0	7.16	7.02
BER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 200	273.13	234.60	38.2	34.5	7.15	6.80
NE-CLAY-GLASS	2.1	2.1	1.8	0	+ 300	370.39	338.69	41.2	39.2	8.99	8.64
MARY METALS	6.0	6.0	6.2	0	- 200	348.18	334.48	42.0	42.5	8.29	7.87
RICATED METALS	9.1	9.0	8.7	+100	+ 400	252.78	236.33	38.3	37.1	6.60	6.37
ELECTRIC MACH.	6.5*	6.5*	6.4*	0	+ 100	392.30	351.16	43.3	39.5	9.06	8.89
CTRICAL MACHINERY	11.3	11.3	11.0	0	+ 300	276.05	270.73	41.7	42.5	6.62	6.37
NSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.1	8.7	+100	+ 500	390.51	390.51	40.3	41.9	9.69	9.32
TRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	4.5	0	+ 300	304.68	295.53	42.2	42.4	7.22	6.97
ELRY-SILVERWARE	23.3	23.0	21.5	+300	+1800	209.34	203.50	38.2	36.8	5.48	5.53
CELLANEOUS MFG.	5.3	5.2	4.9	+100	+ 400	242.29	204.89	36.6	33.1	6.62	6.19
NDURABLE GOODS	37.9	38.0	36.1	- 100	+1800	278.90	238.79	39.9	39.8	6.99	6.69
D-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.3	2.9	- 100	+ 300	224.28	213.97	35.6	34.4	6.30	6.22
TILES	11.0	10.9	10.6	+100	+ 400	261.02	248.21	41.3	41.3	6.32	6.01
AREL	3.4	3.4	3.0	0	+ 400	233.43	226.85	39.1	40.8	5.97	5.56
ER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0	240.01	258.96	38.9	41.7	6.17	6.21
NTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 100	375.12	352.08	37.7	37.1	9.95	9.49
MICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.0	3.0	+100	+ 100	373.12	357.66	39.4	41.3	9.47	8.66
BBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 100	307.28	305.27	42.5	44.5	7.23	6.86
STICS PRODUCTS	4.9	5.0	4.7	- 100	+ 200	302.47	266.34	40.6	38.6	7.45	6.90
THER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.8	2.5	- 100	+ 200	188.07	180.21	41.7	38.1	4.51	4.73

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each). Also up from their year ago employment levels were Stone-Clay-Glass, Electrical Machinery, and Instruments (+300 each), Lumber/Furniture (+200), and Nonelectrical Machinery (+100). Primary Metals was the only Durable Goods manufacturing industry experiencing an annual job loss (-200).

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, monthly job increases of 100 each were registered in Textiles and Chemical Products. Conversely, monthly employment decreases of 100 each were reported in Food-Beverage, Plastics Products, and Leather Products. The remaining industries in Nondurable Goods were unchanged from their February employment levels. Compared to March 1983, the largest payroll advances were reported in Textiles and Apparel (+400 each), followed by Food-Beverage (+300), Plastics Products (+200) and Leather Products (+200). Printing-Publishing, Chemical Products and Rubber Products each gained 100 jobs from their totals of one year ago. Paper Products remained unchanged from last March.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing categories increased 2,400 from February to March, primarily due to continued hiring in Services and Trade. The March level of 280,900 also represents an increase of 9,100 jobs over the March 1983 total of 271,800.

The Services industries, adding 900 workers, posted the largest monthly gain within the Nonmanufacturing sector. At 93,900, this segment was up 2,800 from last March. Wholesale and Retail Trade rose by 600 jobs from February to March, reaching 83,200, an increase of 3,600 over March 1983. Contract Construction employment, at 11,300, was up 300 for the month and 2,100 on an annual basis. Employment in the Government sector increased by 200 in March to 57,500 but was down 100 from a year earlier. Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate recorded a monthly gain of 200 as it rose to 21,500, which also represents an annual increase of 300 jobs. Transportation and Public Utilities added 200 workers from February to March, and at 13,500, this segment was 400 higher than its March 1983 level.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $7.10 in March, and were up 21 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.4 of an hour in March to 39.8, but this was 0.6 of an hour greater than March 1983. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $282.58 in March. While this represents a decrease of $1.63 from last month, it is $12.49 more than was reported in March last year.

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